POKÉMON
ADVENTURES
18
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Author's Words

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It's been four years since I started drawing *Pokémon Adventures* -- my first long-running comic series. Volume 18 also happens to be the 9th book I've drawn for this series! There have been many interesting episodes and characters. Every time a new volume is completed, I think to myself, "The latest volume is the best!" Praising myself for my own work (haha)...

Hidenori Kusaka

FireRed and *LeafGreen* are stuffed full of detailed gameplay -- you won't want to stop playing even after you've finished the games. It's incredibly fun because you can use the wireless adaptor to communicate with other people while playing the game! Well, my only complaint right now is that I don't have anyone to play the game with. I tend to keep to myself in the workplace, but I'll come out of my shell for the GBA (GameBoy Advance) during the next World Hobby Fair! Let's go to the Union Room!!

SAPPHIRE

PROFESSOR BIRCH

A Pokémon researcher in the Hoenn region

The story so far

Ruby, who has his mind set o winning all the contests in th Hoenn region, had run away from home in retaliation of hi father, Petalburg gym leader Norman. Norman soon caugh up with Ruby in the Institute for Weather Research, where h attempted to drag Ruby hom against his will.
After a vigorous battle however

RUBY

ARCHIE

The leader of the mysterious Team Aqua.

ARK

A member of Team Aqua and a user of Sharpedo.

ANGIE

A female Aqua member who uses Ludicolo.

AMBER

Well-trusted by the leader, he uses Carvanha.

NORMAN

Ruby's father and the gym leader of Petalburg.

MARYANN

A TV reporter who likes to take care of others.

TYLER

A cameraman, who works with Maryann.

FLANNERY

Gym leader of Lavaridge. A passionate person.

Norman gave in and allowed his son to continue with his quest - on the condition that Ruby must complete what he had set out to do.
Meanwhile, Sapphire, who is also trying to accomplish her goal within 80 days, has already received three badges.
She headed for Lavaridge where she stumbled upon Team Aqua's evil plans to stop the volcanic activity of Mt. Chimney. Team Aqua's activities plunged Lavaridge Town into danger and affected the balance of nature in the entire Hoenn region. In order to fight Team Aqua, Sapphire joined forces with Lavaridge gym leader Flannery, but their efforts were in vain...

MAXIE

Leader of Team Magma, the other mysterious organization.

MITCH

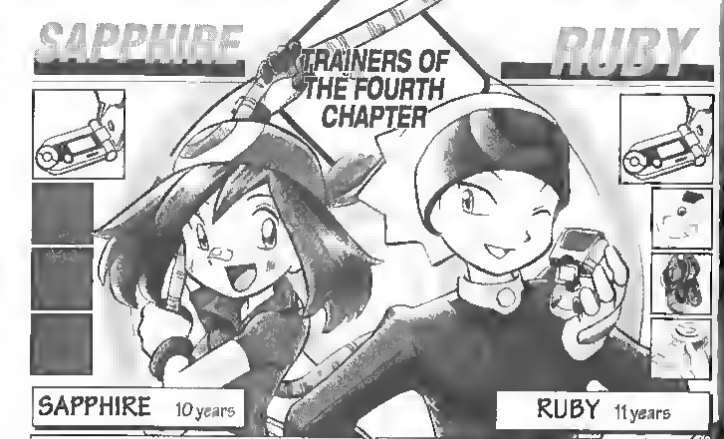
One of the Three Fires of Team Magma. He uses a Torkoal.

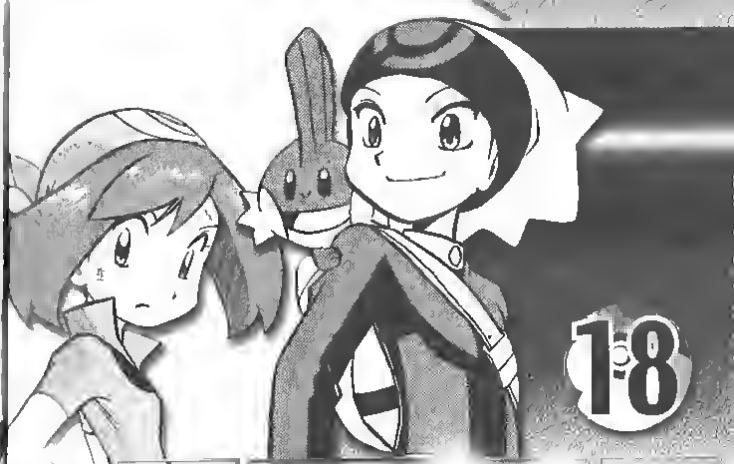
MARGE

The only girl in Three Fires, who is good at using tactics.

MACK

The third member who fights Ruby in the submarine.


SAPPHIRE
TRAINERS OF THE FOURTH CHAPTER
RUBY
SAPPHIRE 10 years
RUBY 11 years
A wild trainer, she has set her sights on conquering all Hoenn gyms. She runs about Hoenn, wielding a formidable power over nature
The young protagonist whose goal is to win all Hoenn contests. He believes that beauty is the most important Pokemon characteristic. He claims that he has no interest in Pokemon battles...?!
TORO
Combusken
A composed Pokemon. It is good at fire attacks and fighting attacks.
ZUZU
Marshtomp
Received from Professor Birch a happy go lucky Pokémon
RONO
Lairon
This little mischief is proud of its hard body. Its specialty is Take Down
NANA
Mightyena
It rules the cool department and has a stubborn streak
WALO
Wailord
This cheeky giant appears when Sapphire needs to get across the sea
COCO
Delcatty
The childlike Delcatty rules the department of cuteness
DONO
Donphan
An impulsive Pokemon. It joined the team in Mauville City
MIMI
Finneon
Ruby was forced to take this humble Pokémon with him
PILO
Tropius
A gentle Pokémon. It provides air transportation and is usually kept in the wild.
POPO
Castform
A careful Pokémon. It detects weather changes and changes its form accordingly



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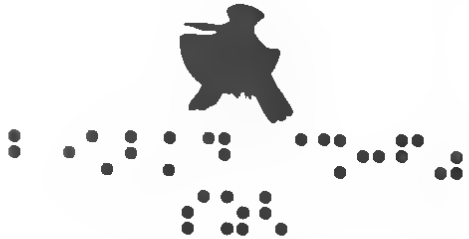
CHAPTER 215
VS PELIPPER II



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The Fourth Chapter

AT THE END OF THEIR EXTENSIVE BATTLE, BOTH POKÉMON VANISHED INTO THE BOTTOMEST DEPTHS OF THE SEA WHERE THEY HAVE REMAINED DORMANT EVER SINCE...

AMAZING!
SO THIS IS THE POWER OF THE GRAND CELESTIAL METEOR THAT FELL FROM THE SKY!!
TMP
THE MACHINE IS FULLY CHARGED NOW. THE ENERGY LEVEL IS AT ITS MAXIMUM.
CARVANHA
OOM

WELL...
ADIOS, GALS!
SMOKE
SMOKE
!!
WAIT !!
WAP
!!
WHOOSH

WHOA !!
THUD
UGH...
?!
WHERE'D THEY GO?!
SAPPHIRE, WHERE RE YOU?!
SAPPHIRE!!
I'M HERE
YOU'RE UNDER-GROUND ?!

HMM
FLAME FLAME FLAME
THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE HASN'T IT?
THIS IS THE POKÉMON ATTACK CALLED SECRET POWER.
SECRET POWER ?!
YEP! IT CAN CREATE EMPTY SPACES IN STONES AND TREES! THEY MUST'VE USED THE SAME TECHNIQUE TO ESCAPE!!
AND YOU WENT AFTER THEM! WHERE RE THE ENEMIES NOW?!
I CAN'T SEE THEM AT ALL! THIS PLACE IS ENORMOUS! BUT ONE THINGS FOR SURE!!
THEY CAN HIDE IN HERE...
. BUT THEY CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM ME!!

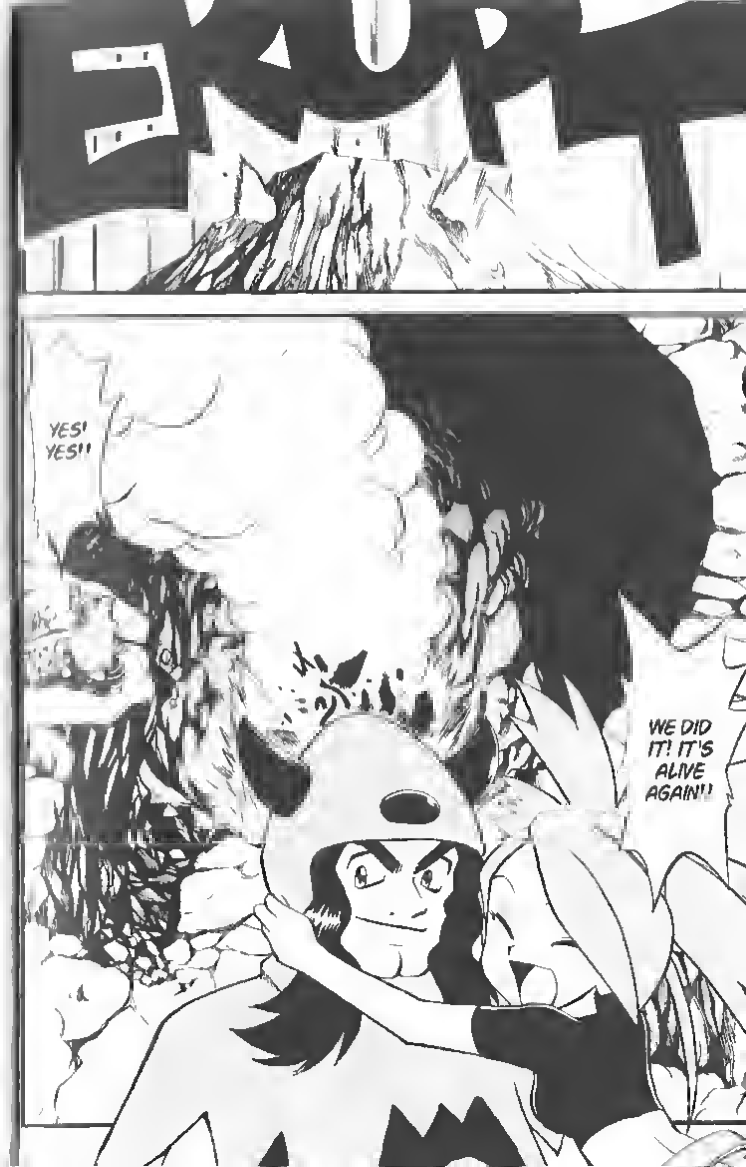
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BHAM
WHOA!!
SAPPHIRE IS FIGHTING THE BATTLE ALONE.
I MUST DO SOMETHING !!
FOR THE SAKE OF MY TOWN...
POOF
...I MUST DO SOME-THING!!
SAPPHIRE! SAPPHIRE !!
MT CHIMNEY
..IS DEAD
AT THE BASE OF MT. CHIMNEY ..
LAVARIDGE
..THE HOT SPRINGS ..
GRRR GRRR GRRR
BLAST
FLAMETHROWER!!
GRRR !
INJECTING WHITE-HOT HEAT ENERGY ...
BLL

...TO REVIVE THE VOLCANO!!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA?
BUT...
THAT AMOUNT OF HEAT ENERGY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THE TASK AT HAND!!
PESKY AQUA ROGUES! NEVER UP TO ANYTHING GOOD...
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO KILL THE VOLCANO THIS TIME!
DO YOU BELONG TO THE SAME GANG AS THE VOLCANO KILLERS?!
ME? OF COS' NOT! OUR MOTIVES ARE QUITE THE OPPOSITE. IN FACT I'D MUCH RATHER HAVE AN ACTIVE VOLCANO!
IN THAT SENSE, MY LADY...
YOU AND I... WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!
BLAST
THIS PLACE IS REGAINING HEAT!!
IS FLANNERY TRYING TO SLAM SOME HEAT BACK INTO THE VOLCANO?
WELL, IT'S WORKING!!
PULSE
PULSE
THE VOLCANO IS REACTING TO THE HEAT!!
WAY TO GO, FLANNERY! GIVE IT MORE HEAT!
MORE HEAT AND YOU'LL REVIVE THE VOLCANO!!
SAPPHIRE! THIS IS GREAT!!
HEH HEH! NOW LISTEN UP... IF YOU REALLY WANNA STUFF THE VOLCANO FULL OF GOOD OL' ULTRA HEAT ENERGY!..
...YOU'LL NEED THIS!!

TOSS
BOOM
FOR TODAY'S SPECIAL OCCASION, IT SHALL BURN COAL OUTSIDE ITS BODY!!
TORKOAL!!
MY TORKOAL USUALLY BURNS COAL WITHIN ITS BODY...
COAL POKEMON
HEIGHT
WEIGHT
AHH!
BLAST
BLAST
YOU USE FIRE POKEMON TOO, DON'T YOU?!
UH, YES!!
MAGCARGO!!

BLAST
HURRAH!!
ALRIGHT!!
LET'S DO IT!!
BLAST
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

CHAPTER 216
VS MAGCARGO



BUBBLE BUBBLE
BLOOP
POP
BUBBLE BUBBLE
OH..
WE FAILED?!
WE SENT OUR FIREBALL INTO THE VOLCANO...
IT MUST HAVE COLLIDED WITH THE METEOR ENERGY OF THE MACHINE!!
BLOOP
BLUB
FLAP
WE USED THE LARGEST, MOST INTENSE FIREBALL EVER! IF A FIREBALL OF THAT PROPORTION CAN'T DEFEAT THE METEORITE, WE'LL JUST HAFTA ACCEPT THE FACTS!
BUT
CAN'T JUST LET THE MAGMA PESTS DO WHATEVER THEY LIKE...
HOENN NEEDS MORE LAND!!
NO MATTER WHAT, WE, TEAM MAGMA, WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE LAND SURFACE!!
WHOOSH
OH...
...LADY, YOU'RE QUITE A SKILLFUL FIRE-USER YOURSELF!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
!
SAPPHIRE!!
TMP
SAPPHIRE!!

BLAST
SOLARBEAM!!
HUFF
HUFF
ZOOM
ZOOM
IT'S THE ENEMY!!
STOP HIDIN' AND SHOW YOUR-SELVES NOW!!
TMP
TMP
UGH!!
NOW
NOW
NOW
?!
?
TMP TMP
MH
WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!!
IT'S MIRROR COAT!!
THEY USED IT TO RETURN OUR ATTACKS?!
AND WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING THE MIRROR EVER SINCE!!
DARN...
THEY MADE A RUN FOR IT WHILE WE WERE DISTRACTED!!

GRRR...
TRICKSTER!! SLIPPERY EELS!!
THUMP
BASH
SAPPHIRE!!
SAPPHIRE!!
GLITTER

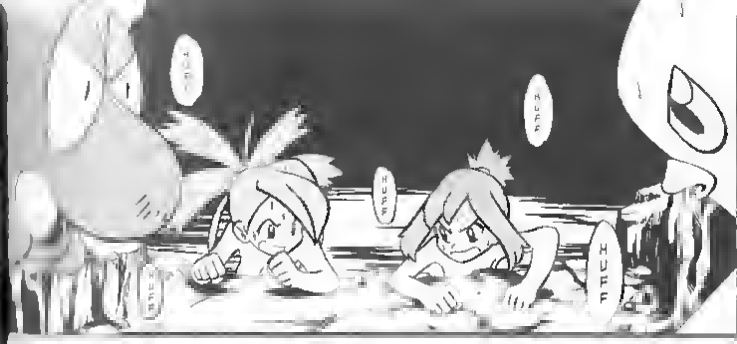
?!
SORRY...
I DIDN'T GET TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH THEM.
HOW DID THINGS GO ON YOUR SIDE?
AS YOU WITNESSED EARLIER...
I TRIED MY BEST TO TRANSFER HEAT ENERGY TO THE VOLCANO
WHOA
I THINK I ONLY MANAGED TO TEMPORARILY SUSTAIN THE VOLCANO. IT WON'T LAST FOR LONG.
I SEE...

THIS IS...?
THE BUMPY ROAD THAT LEADS FROM MT. CHIMNEY TO LAVARIDGE ..
GIVEN A CHANCE, I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU AROUND LAVARIDGE.
AND OF COURSE, I LET YOU TR THE HOT SPRINGS TH WE'RE ALL S PROUD OF
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
A HOT SPRING !!
HEH! SO IT IS!
THE FIREBALL THAT I CREATED MUST'VE HEATED UP THE WATER HERE!!
LOOKS REALLY WARM.
MY TOWN WAS A REALLY WONDERFUL PLACE.
WE HAD VISITORS FROM ALL OVER HOENN REGION TOO...
DRIP
!!
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WANTED ME TO TRY THE HOT SPRINGS HERE?
THIS ONE MIGHT JUST COOL OFF SOON! IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE IF WE LET THE OPPORTUNITY SLIP BY!!
RUSTLE
ALTHOUGH I'VE BECOME A GYM LEADER... I CAN'T PROTECT THE VOLCANO...
I... I CAN'T EVEN PROTECT MY OWN TOWN!!
DARN !!
BLOOP
?
BUBBLE
BLOOP
HUH ?!
FLING
FLING
HEY WAIT, SAPPHIRE!
THE BATTLE'S OVER AND WE CAN'T CHANGE A THING CRYIN' OVER IT. :)
WE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A BREAK!!

TRY THIS! IT'S DELICIOUS.
AH, THANKS!
SAPPHIRE..
SHE'S TRYING TO CHEER ME UP.
MUNCH MUNCH
SAPPHIRE..
I'VE A REQUEST..
I... I'D LIKE TO HAVE A BATTLE WITH YOU RIGHT NOW!!
IN ORDER TO OVERCOME TODAY'S FAILURE..
..I'D LIKE TO RE-ASSUME MY DUTIES AS A LEADER, STARTING WITH THIS BATTLE! A FRESH, CLEAN START!
OKAY!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR!
WELL, LET'S BEGIN!!

RAGGRROO!!
TORO!!
GRAB
THROW
CHARGE
WHAM
DOUBLE KICK!!
BASH
GO! GO!
OH NO!
HOP
HOP

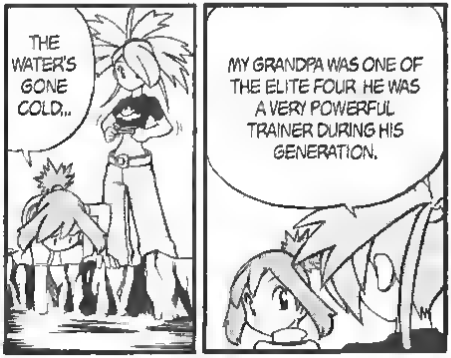
FLAME-THROWER !!
BOOOM
?
BEHIND YOU!
TORO, RETREAT !!
CRACK
BASH
GUSH


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

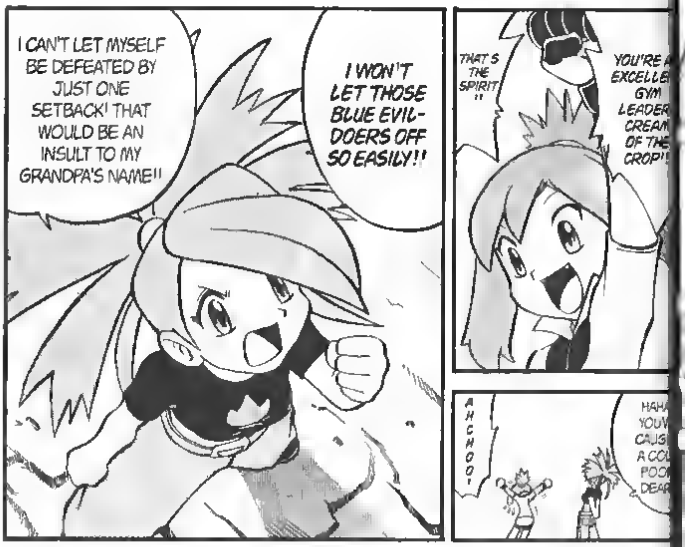
HCH..
GIGGLE

HA HA HA !
WAH AH AH !

SPLASH


THE WATER'S GONE COLD..
MY GRANDPA WAS ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR. HE WAS A VERY POWERFUL TRAINER DURING HIS GENERATION.

I LOVED MY GRANDPA...
...AND I WANTED TO BECOME A STRONG TRAINER, JUST LIKE HIM! THAT'S WHY I BECAME A GYM LEADER.

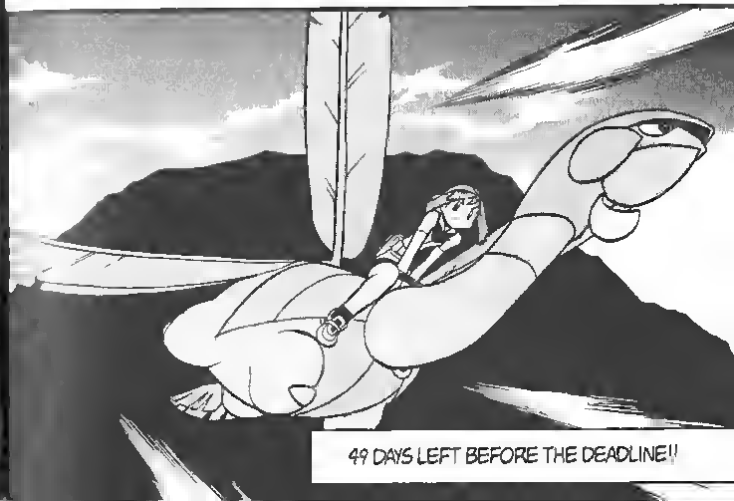

I CAN'T LET MYSELF BE DEFEATED BY JUST ONE SETBACK! THAT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO MY GRANDPA'S NAME!!
I WON'T LET THOSE BLUE EVIL-DOERS OFF SO EASILY!!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!!
YOU'RE AN EXCELLENT GYM LEADER. CREAM OF THE CROP!!
AHCHOO!
HAHA, YOU'VE CAUGHT A COLD, POOR DEAR.

I'VE GOT TO INFORM ALL THE GYM LEADERS ABOUT TEAM AQUA AND THEIR EVIL DEEDS...
SO MY NEXT MOVE IS TO HEAD TOWARDS THE POKEMON ASSOCIATION
I'LL RALLY THE OTHER GYM LEADERS TO OUR CAUSE!
I'M GONNA PREPARE FOR MY NEXT BATTLE AND SHARPEN MY OWN SKILLS TOO

AND THEN...
...I'LL DEFEAT TEAM AQUA!!

FAR BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS...
FLAP
FLAP
...LIES THE CITY OF TREE-HOUSES -- FORTREE CITY!!
THANKS, SWIPPHIRE!!
HERE, CATCH!!

SMACK
BYE, FLANNERY!!


49 DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE DEADLINE!!

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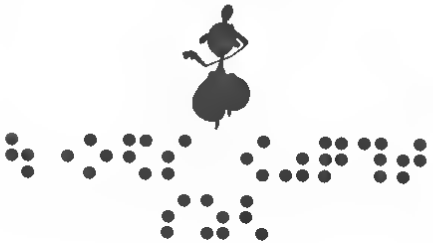
VS MEDICHAM



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WIND HOWLING
RUSTLE
...WHAT HAPPENED ON MT. CHIMNEY?
WITCH..
THE VOLCANO IS DEAD THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO
BRUSH
MACK, HOW GOES THE DETECTOR MODIFICATION PROCESS?
I'M NOT DONE YET IT'S QUITE TROUBLE-SOME, I TELL YA.
HEH
MY PATIENCE IS WANING

I'LL GO DO ANOTHER SEARCH. THIS TIME, I'LL COMB EACH AREA FROM CORNER TO CORNER FOR ANY POSSIBLE SIGNS OF THE 'TREASURE'.
'THAT OKAY, LEADER ?
DO WHAT YOU WILL! BUT SHARE YOUR MEMORIES BEFORE YOU GO!
PLUCK

POOF
POOF
ZRR

FINALLY...

...MY TURN TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTION.
FLOURISH

MEANWHILE...
VERDANTURF TOWN

WITH MARYANN AND TYLER'S HELP, RUBY REACHED THE STADIUM TO TAKE PART IN A NORMAL RANK CONTEST.
HE'S FINALLY GETTING DOWN TO STARTING HIS QUEST WITH THIS VERY FIRST CONTEST!

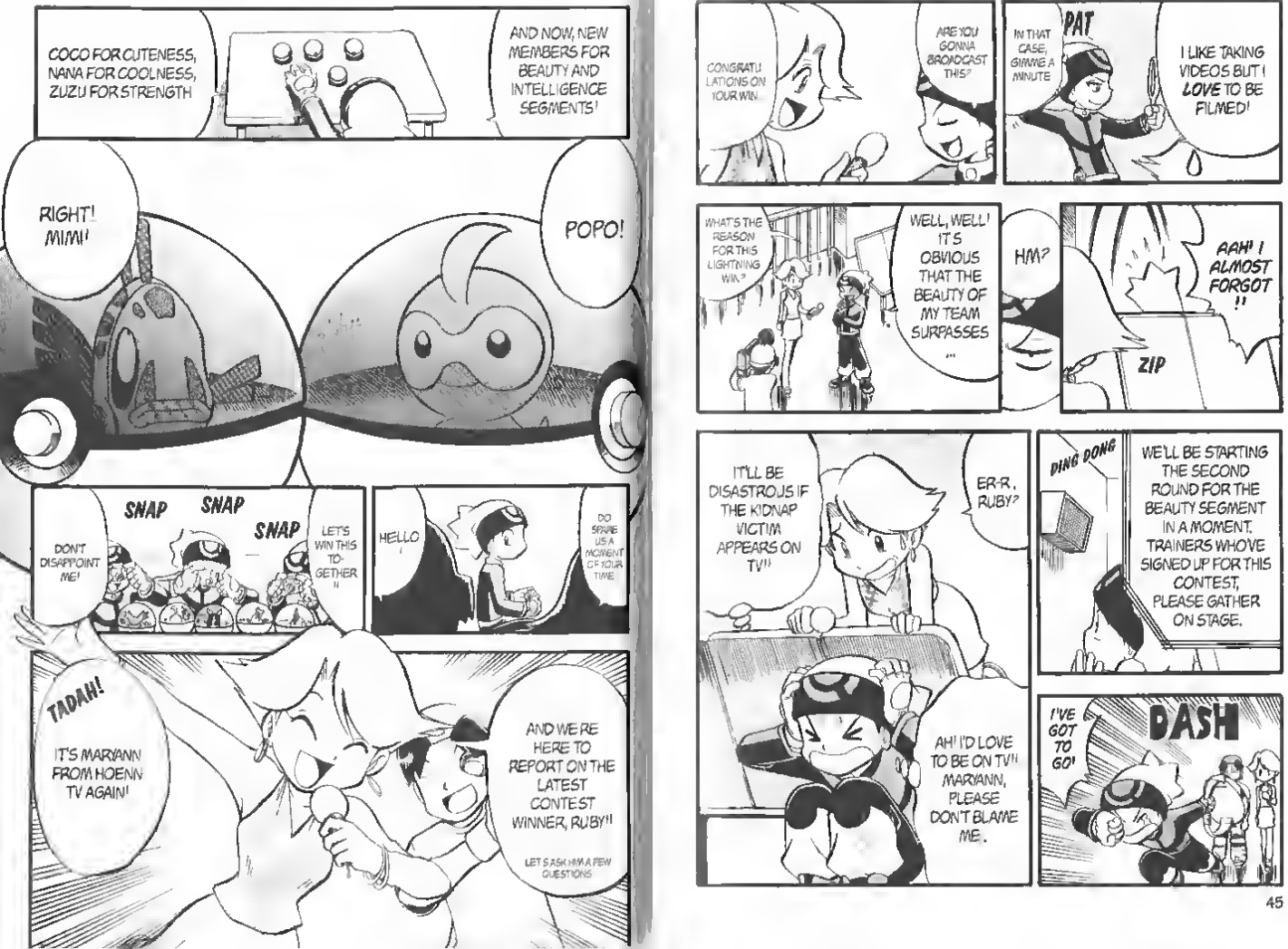
POKÉMON CONTEST VERDANTURF STADIUM
CUTENESS SEGMENT FOR NORMAL RANK!!

WE'RE NEARING THE END OF THE SECOND ROUND OF APPEAL TIME!!
OUR LAST CONTESTANT IS...

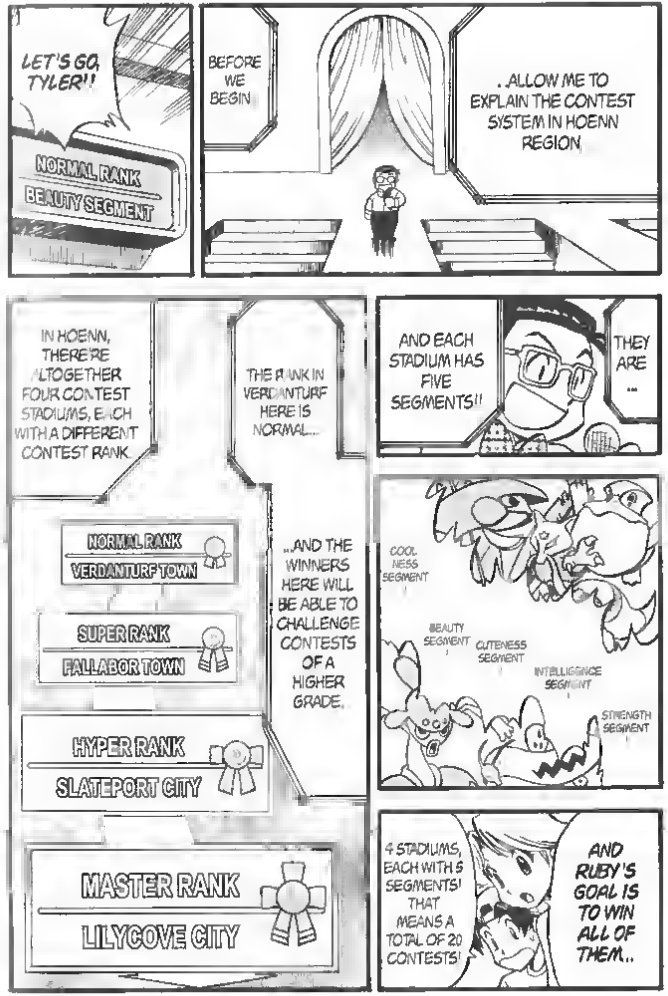
COCO, GROWL ATTACK!!

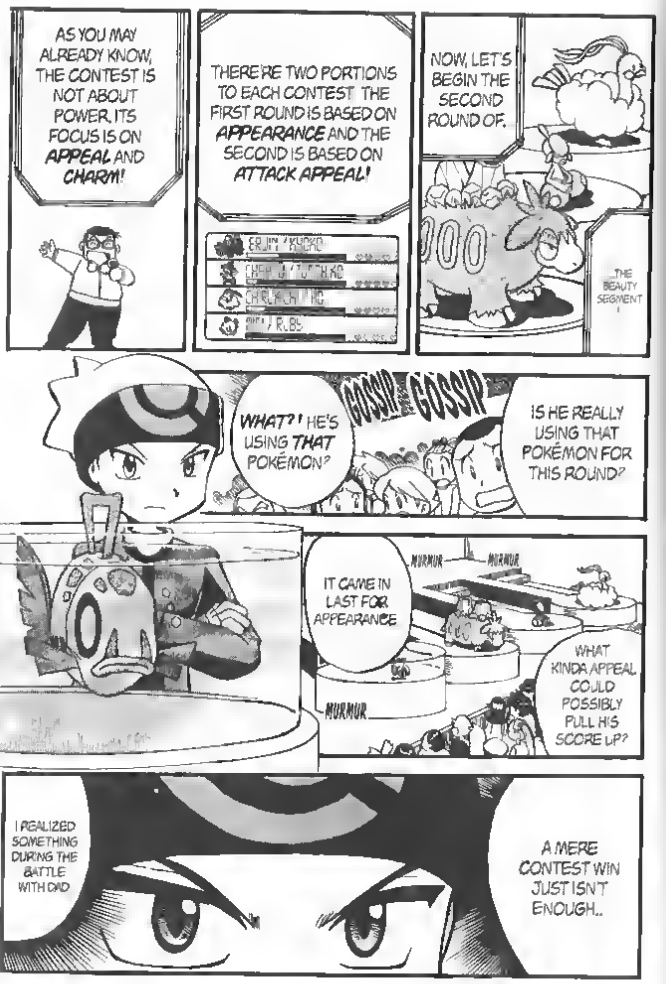
MESMERIZED
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
COCO RUBY
THE RESULTS ARE OUT!! UNBELIE-VABLE!!
RUBY AND HIS DELCATTY, COCO, GATHERED UNRIVALED SUPPORT IN THE FIRST ROUND
...AND HAVE CONTINUED TO SHINE IN THE SECOND ROUND!!
PAINT
DRAW

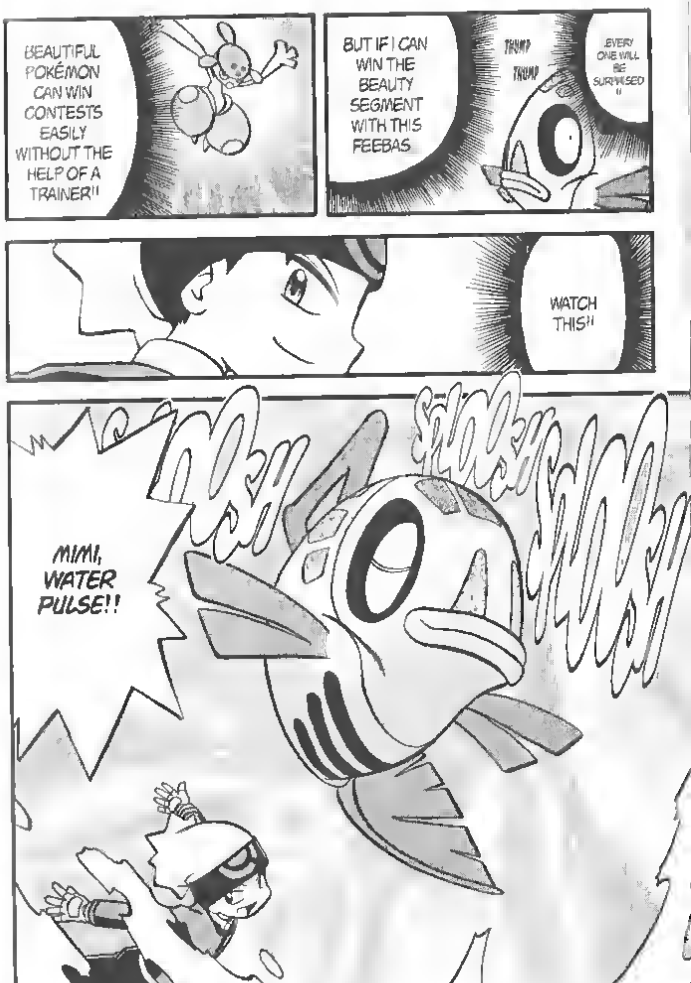
TADAH!
TADAH!
TADAH!
WINNER OF CUTENESS SEGMENT RUBY'S COCO
WINNER OF COOLNESS SEGMENT RUBY'S NANA
THAT YOUNG BOY IS AMAZING!
YEAH, HE APPEARED OUT OF THE BLUE AND JUST STARTED WINNING PRIZES!!
SEEMS LIKE HE'S REGISTERED FOR ALL THE SEGMENTS
BEEP!
HUH?!
OKAY, DONE!
A SWEATER ESPECIALLY FOR ZUZU!
OWOW
OW... MY SHOULDERS AND MY BACK STILL ACHE
I'VE NOT YET RECOVERED FROM THAT BATTLE I HAD WITH DAD
BUT NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS
SMACK
I'VE FINALLY REACHED VERDANTURF AND NOW I HAVE A HOENN CONTEST PASS!!
I'M GONNA WIN ALL THE CONTESTS!!


COCO FOR CUTENESS, NANA FOR COOLNESS, ZUZU FOR STRENGTH
AND NOW, NEW MEMBERS FOR BEAUTY AND INTELLIGENCE SEGMENTS!
RIGHT! MIMI!
POPO!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
DON'T DISAPPOINT ME!
LET'S WIN THIS TOGETHER !!
HELLO
DO SPARE US A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME.
TADAH!
IT'S MARYANN FROM HOENN TV AGAIN!
AND WE'RE HERE TO REPORT ON THE LATEST CONTEST WINNER, RUBY!!
LET'S ASK HIM A FEW QUESTIONS
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WIN...
ARE YOU GONNA BROADCAST THIS?
IN THAT CASE, GIMME A MINUTE
PAT
I LIKE TAKING VIDEOS BUT I LOVE TO BE FILMED!
WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THIS LIGHTNING WIN?
WELL, WELL! IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE BEAUTY OF MY TEAM SURPASSES ...
HM?
ZIP
AAH! I ALMOST FORGOT !!
IT'LL BE DISASTROUS IF THE KIDNAP VICTIM APPEARS ON TV!!
ER-R, RUBY?
AH! I'D LOVE TO BE ON TV!! MARYANN, PLEASE DON'T BLAME ME.
DING DONG
WE'LL BE STARTING THE SECOND ROUND FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT IN A MOMENT. TRAINERS WHO'VE SIGNED UP FOR THIS CONTEST, PLEASE GATHER ON STAGE.
I'VE GOT TO GO!
DASH

SOB!
I WONDER IF WE DID THE RIGHT THING...?
WHAT?
I MEAN... HE'S EVEN NAMED CHAIRMAN STONE'S CASTFORM POPO.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO REPORT ON THINGS RELATED TO THAT SUBMARINE INCIDENT, AREN'T WE?!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE SPENDING OUR TIME WATCHING CONTESTS HERE...
HEY, COOL IT.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANXIETY BUT I HAVE A NAGGING FEELING ABOUT THAT BOY THAT I JUST CAN'T IGNORE.
CALL IT A REPORTER'S FINELY HONED PERCEPTION!!
...


LET'S GO, TYLER!!
NORMAL RANK
BEAUTY SEGMENT
BEFORE WE BEGIN...
...ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE CONTEST SYSTEM IN HOENN REGION.
IN HOENN, THERE'RE ALTOGETHER FOUR CONTEST STADIUMS, EACH WITH A DIFFERENT CONTEST RANK.
THE RANK IN VERDANTURF HERE IS NORMAL...
NORMAL RANK
VERDANTURF TOWN
SUPER RANK
FALLARBOR TOWN
HYPER RANK
SLATEPORT CITY
MASTER RANK
LILYCOVE CITY
...AND THE WINNERS HERE WILL BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE CONTESTS OF A HIGHER GRADE.
AND EACH STADIUM HAS FIVE SEGMENTS!!
THEY ARE...
COOLNESS SEGMENT
BEAUTY SEGMENT
CUTENESS SEGMENT
INTELLIGENCE SEGMENT
STRENGTH SEGMENT
4 STADIUMS, EACH WITH 5 SEGMENTS! THAT MEANS A TOTAL OF 20 CONTESTS!
AND RUBY'S GOAL IS TO WIN ALL OF THEM...


AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, THE CONTEST IS NOT ABOUT POWER. ITS FOCUS IS ON APPEAL AND CHARM!
THERE'RE TWO PORTIONS TO EACH CONTEST. THE FIRST ROUND IS BASED ON APPEARANCE AND THE SECOND IS BASED ON ATTACK APPEAL!
NOW, LET'S BEGIN THE SECOND ROUND OF.
THE BEAUTY SEGMENT !
GOSSIP
GOSSIP
WHAT?! HE'S USING THAT POKÉMON?
IS HE REALLY USING THAT POKÉMON FOR THIS ROUND?
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
IT CAME IN LAST FOR APPEARANCE
WHAT KINDA APPEAL COULD POSSIBLY PULL HIS SCORE UP?
I REALIZED SOMETHING DURING THE BATTLE WITH DAD
A MERE CONTEST WIN JUST ISN'T ENOUGH..


BEAUTIFUL POKÉMON CAN WIN CONTESTS EASILY WITHOUT THE HELP OF A TRAINER!!
BUT IF I CAN WIN THE BEAUTY SEGMENT WITH THIS FEEBAS
TRUMP
TRUMP
EVERY ONE WILL BE SURPRISED !!
WATCH THIS!!
MIMI, WATER PULSE!!

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VS ABSOL

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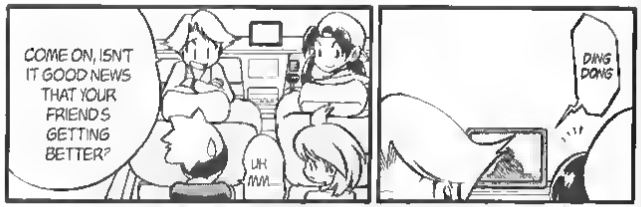
WE'VE COME TO THE END OF THE SECOND ROUND FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT. LET'S LOOK AT THE SCORES NOW
RRR RAAAH
THE WINNER IS RUBY'S FEEBAS, MIMI!!
I THOUGHT I SAW WALLY WITHIN THE AUDIENCE...
HE DID MENTION HE WAS MOVING TO EVER GRANDE... HAS HE ALREADY MOVED?!
I WASN'T SEEING THINGS! WALLY MUST'VE MOVED TO THIS PLACE TO RECUPERATE!!
STOP DAZING INTO MID-AIR, RUBY!!
GRAB

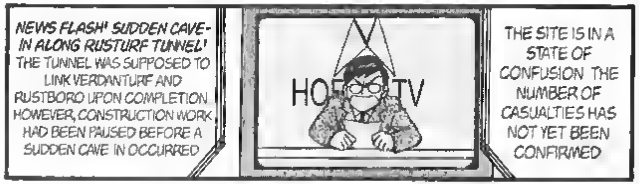
COME ON! LET'S GET A MOVE ON!
YEAH! YOU ENTERED THE STRENGTH AND COOLNESS SEGMENTS, REMEMBER?
THE SECOND ROUND WILL BE HELD IN HALL NO 4.
HEARD THAT? IT'S STARTING!! HURRY!!
WOW
CHATTER
CHATTER
HEH! TODAY'S CONTESTS WERE DEFINITELY WORTH THE TRIP HERE!
CHATTER
CHATTER
THAT YOUNG BOY WHO WON ALL THE SEGMENTS. HE'S THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY!
YEAH!
WALLY! WALLY!!

THERE HE IS!!
HE'S BOARDING THE BUS! I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT!!
NOW, MIMI!
POOF
ICE BEAM !!
GLOW
TINKLE
OOF
OOF!!
YIKES !!
KYAAA !!

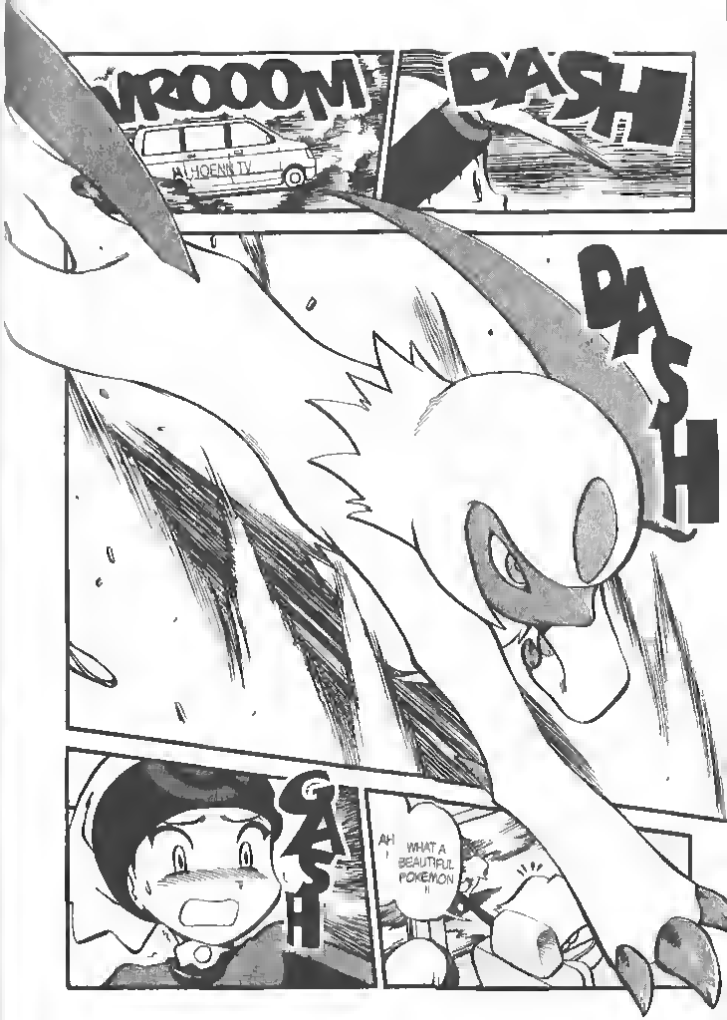
YES! JUST IN TIME!
SORRY GUYS! THAT WAS A BIT RASH, I KNOW
BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE I COULDN'T CATCH YOUR ATTENTION OTHERWISE
OW..
HUH?
YOUR HAIR.. WAS IT THIS LONG, WALLY?
I MEAN, YOU LOOK LIKE A GIRL TO ME..
!!
HEY !! YOU !!
OH MY!! I'M SO SORRY !!
TREMBLE

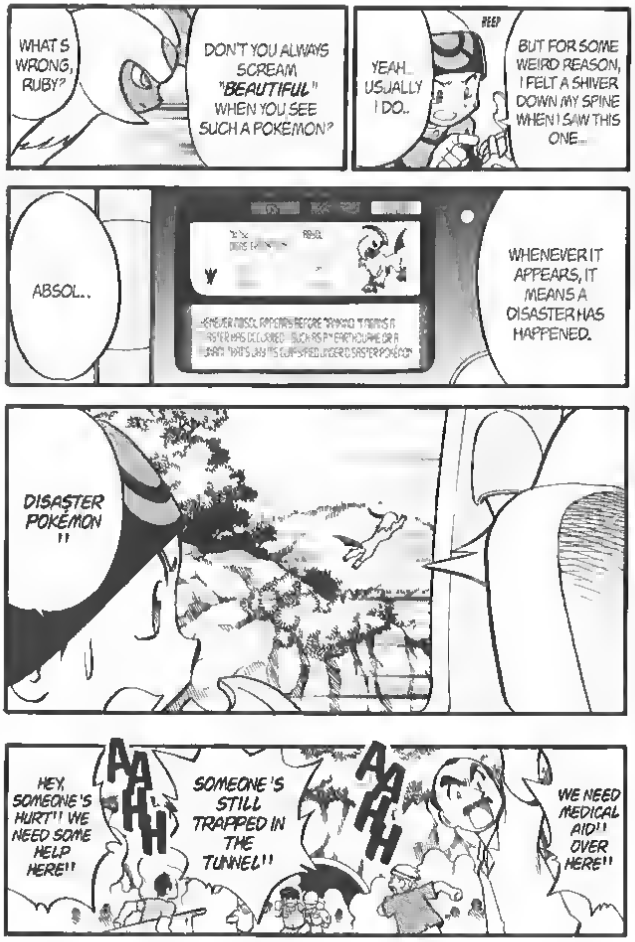
RUBY, YOU WERE REALLY RECKLESS BACK THERE..
VROOM
HOENN TV
YOU'RE SAYING YOU MISTOOK WALLENE FOR WALLY?
YES, THEY LOOK TOO ALIKE, AND I WASN'T WEARING MY GLASSES..
BUT STILL, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KNOCK EVERYONE OVER, RUBY.. DON'T YOU AGREE, WALLENE?
IT'S OKAY! I'M ELATED TO MEET HIM TOO..
SO YOU'RE RUBY.
I'M WALLY'S COUSIN AND PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS MISTAKING US FOR SIBLINGS..
GUESS WE REALLY DO LOOK ALIKE!
HUH?!
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN PETALBURG
OH NO !!
DON'T WORRY I'M THE ONLY PERSON HE TOLD
WALLY WAS DELIGHTED. HE'S GETTING BETTER LITTLE BY LITTLE
WOW! KECLEON AND RALTS!
POOF
WHAT HAPPENED, WALLY?! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD POKEMON...
HEH HEH... I MADE A FRIEND CALLED RUBY THE DAY BEFORE I MOVED HERE.. AND WE SNEAKED OUT DURING THE NIGHT TO CAPTURE POKEMON
IT'S A SECRET. DON'T LET MY PARENTS KNOW, WALLENE
THAT NIGHT, RUBY FELL INTO THE SEA AND WE LOST CONTACT...
THANKS TO RURU'S PSYCHIC ABILITIES, AT LEAST I KNOW HE'S STILL ALIVE.
RUBY...
WALLY MOVED TO MY PLACE TO RECUPERATE IN A PLACE WITH FRESH AIR.
BUT I FEEL THAT HIS SMOOTH RECOVERY SO FAR IS ALSO PARTLY DUE TO THE POKEMON
THAT'S WHY I MUST THANK YOU.
AH, DON'T MENTION IT...
WHAT A PITY.. WALLY WOULD HAVE WANTED TO MEET YOU... IT WOULD PUT HIS MIND AT REST TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT
??
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!
IN ORDER TO HAVE REGULAR MEDICAL CHECKUPS, WALLY MOVED TO A CITY WITH A BETTER EQUIPPED HOSPITAL.
HE JUST LEFT THIS MORNING ...
WOBBLE WOBBLE
----?!


COME ON, ISN'T IT GOOD NEWS THAT YOUR FRIEND'S GETTING BETTER?
UH MM...
DING DONG


NEWS FLASH! SUDDEN CAVE-IN ALONG RUSTURF TUNNEL!
THE TUNNEL WAS SUPPOSED TO LINK VERDANTURF AND RUSTBORO UPON COMPLETION. HOWEVER, CONSTRUCTION WORK HAD BEEN PAUSED BEFORE A SUDDEN CAVE IN OCCURRED
HOENN TV
THE SITE IS IN A STATE OF CONFUSION. THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED

RUSTURF TUNNEL?! THAT'S NEAR MY PLACE!!
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! TYLER, TAKE US THERE!! NOW!!
YES, M'AM!!
DO COME ALONG WITH US, WALLENE!!
ERR, WHAT ABOUT ME?
YOU'RE COMING WITH US TOO!!
SCREEECH!!

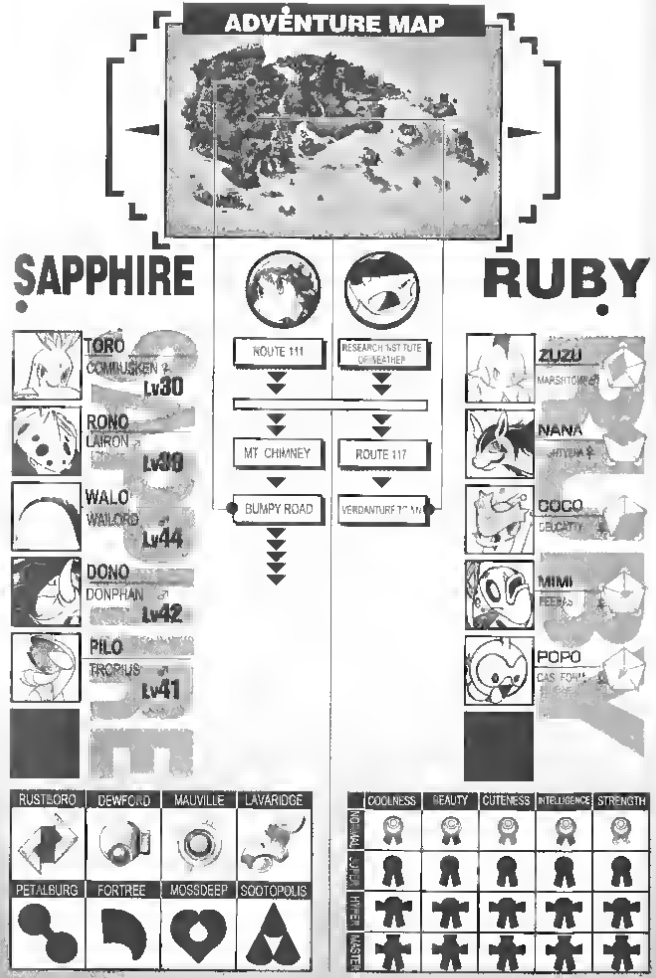

VROOOM
HOENN TV
DASH
DASH
DASH
AH! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL POKEMON!!


WHAT'S WRONG, RUBY?
DON'T YOU ALWAYS SCREAM "BEAUTIFUL" WHEN YOU SEE SUCH A POKEMON?
YEAH... USUALLY I DO..
BEEP
BUT FOR SOME WEIRD REASON, I FELT A SHIVER DOWN MY SPINE WHEN I SAW THIS ONE...
ABSOL..
WHENEVER IT APPEARS, IT MEANS A DISASTER HAS HAPPENED.
DISASTER POKÉMON !!
HEY, SOMEONE'S HURT!! WE NEED SOME HELP HERE!!
AAAH
SOMEONE'S STILL TRAPPED IN THE TUNNEL!!
AAAH
WE NEED MEDICAL AID!! OVER HERE!!

TYLER, PREPARE TO START PALMING!!
YES, MA'AM !
AH, WALLENE!! I WAS ABOUT TO CALL YOU!!
RILEY LED A TEAM INTO THE TUNNEL TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE AND WE'VE JUST LOST CONTACT WITH HIM ON THE RADIO!!
WHA
WHEN CRACKS APPEARED ON THE TUNNEL ROOF.
HUH ?!
VROOM
WALLENE!!
VROOM
VROOOOOM
RILEY!! RILEY!!
HUFF HUFF

WHAT'S WRONG, WALLENE?!
RILEY'S TRAPPED IN THERE... MY FIANCÉ!!
HE MUST BE SOMEWHERE BEHIND THOSE ROCKS.
TMP
?!
A POKÉMON THAT HERALDS DISASTER..
. THIS ACCIDENT MUST BE YOUR DOING!!
ABSOL!!
IF WE DON'T HURRY... RILEY'LL...
URSH
WALLENE, CALM DOWN! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET THROUGH THAT PILE OF BOULDERS!!

NOPE, YOU'RE WRONG!
SLIDE
HOENN TV
THERE IS A WAY!!
TMP
ZUZU !!
AIRKIP



CHAPTER 219
VS WHISMUR

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BOOM BOOM
DON'T WORRY WALLENE!
MARSHTOMP MOVES FASTER IN MUD THAN IN WATER!
THOUGH THIS WASN'T PART OF MY BEAUTIFUL PLAN...
SKIP SKIP
SUPER
SUPER
SUPER

URGHH
OVER-FLOWING WITH DETER-MINATION!
SPLAT
POKÉMON MARSH-TOMP!!
CRACK
CRACK
ROCK SMASH!!
RILEY!!

THANK HEAVENS!!
THAT WAS AMAZING, RUBY!!
RUBY THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
JUST TREAT THIS AS ATONEMENT FOR MY RECKLESSNESS IN CAUSING THE BUS INCIDENT
AND OF COURSE, IF YOU HAPPEN TO BECOME ONE OF THE JUDGES AT ANY CONTEST, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR ME.
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
CLICK
YOUR REWARD, ZUZU!
TWIRLTWIRLTWIRL
TWIRL TWIRL
COOL!!
SHOOT
URGH
AH! HE'S REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!!

WERE YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED ME?
THANKS.
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT I'M STILL ALIVE. THE CAVE-IN WAS MOST UNEXPECTED. WE WEREN'T PREPARED FOR IT AT ALL.
I THOUGHT YOU HALTED ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES...
...BECAUSE YOU REALIZED THE DANGER WAY BEFOREHAND
THAT'S NOT WHY WE HALTED CONSTRUCTION! I'M THE SUPERVISOR AROUND HERE, AND I SHOULD KNOW...
PATTER PATTER
LOOK!
TMP TMP
WOW!!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

THEY'RE SO CUTE!!
NOW THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE HALTED OUR WORK.
HOE
YOU HALTED WORK BECAUSE THERE'S A BUNCH OF WHISMUR?!
WHISMUR ARE ALSO KNOWN AS WHISPER POKÉMON.
THEY COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER WHISMUR USING SMALL VOICES THAT NO HUMAN BEING CAN HEAR.
WHEN THEY HEAR LOUD NOISES, THEY SCRAMBLE FROM THEIR HIDING PLACES IN SHOCK.
THAT'S WHY RILEY CAN'T USE NOISY MACHINERY AND LARGE VEHICLES TO MOVE THE BOULDERS HERE.
AND HENCE, HE DECIDED TO HALT CONSTRUCTION, BECAUSE HE FELT SO SORRY FOR THE WHISMUR.
FOR THE SAKE OF THESE ADORABLE POKÉMON...
YOU HALTED SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROJECT... YOU'RE...
...SUPERB!!

WE'VE TAKEN CARE NOT TO CREATE ANY MAJOR DISTURBANCES EVER SINCE WE HALTED CONSTRUCTION.
WE TOOK ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS.
SO HOW IN THE WORLD DID THE ROOF COLLAPSE...
SOMETHING FISHY'S GOING ON..
..AND IT'S NOT JUST AFFECTING THIS TUNNEL..
!!
THERE'VE BEEN TOO MANY EARTHQUAKES IN HOENN OF LATE..
I'VE A FEELING THAT THIS REGION IS ABOUT TO WITNESS A TERRIBLE DISASTER.
EARTHQUAKES.. DISASTERS..
THAT MEANS THAT ABSOL..
IT'S GONE !!
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
KYAAAAAAAA

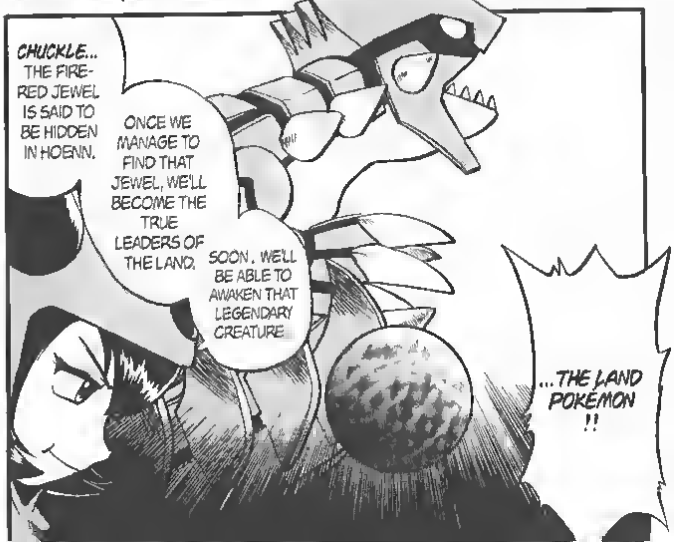
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
KYAA
BOOM
BOOM
WHEN THE USUALLY QUIET WHISMUR START SCREAMING...
KYAAAH!!
IT MEANS THAT DANGER'S NEARBY !!
CRASH
HEH HEH! WE ONLY MEANT TO CREATE A NATURAL DISASTER. WE DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE A BUNCH OF HORRIFIED PEOPLE HERE!
TMP
BUT IT'S QUITE A PLEASURE TO SEE A DISASTER FALL UPON YOU!!
IT'S A JOY TO BEHOLD !!

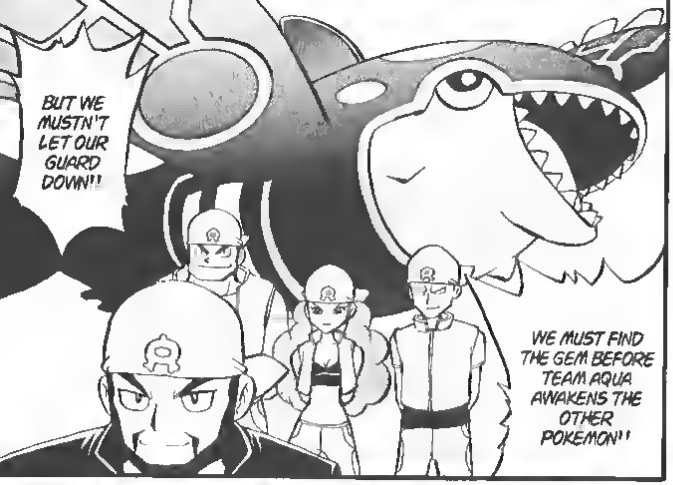
EARTHQUAKES INCREASE LAND SURFACE..
THEY HERALD THE GLORIOUS GROWTH OF THE LAND!!

THE RED CAPED CRIMINALS FROM SLATEPORT?!
ARE YOU DONE TALKING?!
YE-YES!!
GOOD
WE HAD PLANNED TO COLLAPSE THE TUNNEL SECRETLY, SO WE REALLY DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE PEOPLE HERE.

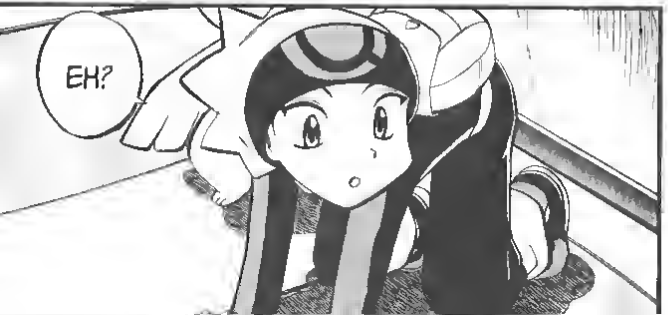
CHARGE!
LET'S DO IT!!
YEAH!!
WOAH!!
POOF

WELL NOW..
I'LL LEAVE YOU GUYS TO GET RID OF THOSE PESKY BUGS WHILE I SEARCH FOR WHAT I CAME HERE FOR
RATTLE
RATTLE
BLAST


CHUCKLE... THE FIRE-RED JEWEL IS SAID TO BE HIDDEN IN HOENN.
ONCE WE MANAGE TO FIND THAT JEWEL, WE'LL BECOME THE TRUE LEADERS OF THE LAND.
SOON, WE'LL BE ABLE TO AWAKEN THAT LEGENDARY CREATURE.
...THE LAND POKÉMON!!


BUT WE MUSTN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN!!
WE MUST FIND THE GEM BEFORE TEAM AQUA AWAKENS THE OTHER POKEMON!!

RUBY, HELP US!!
I DON'T WANNA!!
HUH? THAT BOY..


EH?

RUSTLE

HISS HISS HISS
CLICK

HISS HISS HISS

TIME FOR...
CLICK
...A CHANGE IN PLANS!!

FLAP
FLAP

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VS LOUDRED & EXPLOUD I

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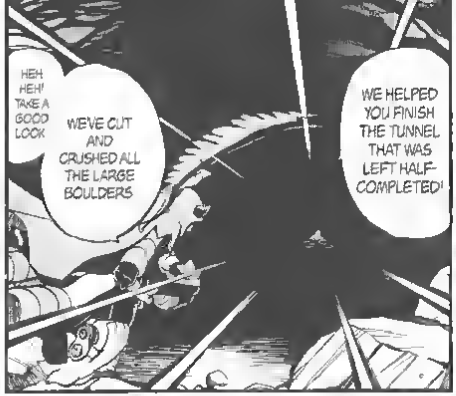
RUBY!!

SORRY, FOLKS! YOU'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH US FIRST!!
DARN!!
WHOOSH


HEH, HEH! TAKE A GOOD LOOK
WE'VE CUT AND CRUSHED ALL THE LARGE BOULDERS
WE HELPED YOU FINISH THE TUNNEL THAT WAS LEFT HALF-COMPLETED!

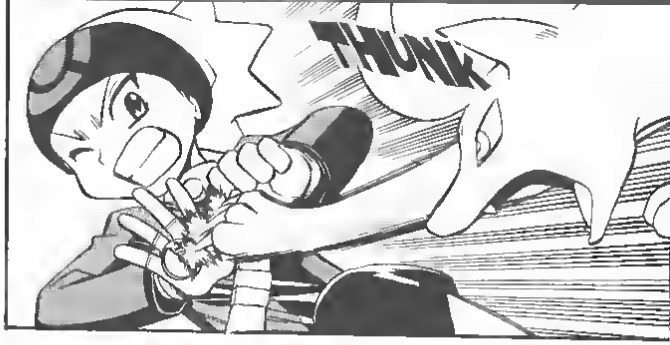
RIGHT NOW, VERDANTURF AND RUSTBORO ARE LINKED! AREN'T YOU GRATEFUL?
UGH...
UGH.

ARE YOU TRYING TO STRUGGLE FREE?
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR ENERGY, MY BOY!

MY GLOVES ARE FILLED WITH A MIXTURE OF TREE SYRUP.
SOAK
IT'S THE BEST NATURAL GLUE YOU CAN GET!

BUT WHY... WHY ME?!
HEH! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WE HAD SUCH AN EXCITING ADVENTURE ON SEA ROUTE 108 AND AT SLATEPORT!!

DON'T YOU REMEMBER MY DEAR LAD?
I WAS THE ONE WHO FOUGHT YOU ON THE ABANDONED SHIP!
URGH!!
BAH
MA
UGH..
I'M ONE OF THE THREE FIRES IN TEAM MAGMA..
NAME'S MARGE!!
FLAP
FLAP
SHOW ME JUST HOW GOOD A TRAINER YOU ARE!!


THUNK

SWIPE
SWIPE
SWIPE
HEH HEY! YOU WEREN'T SUCH A COWARD THE LAST TIME WE MET
STOP DODGING! DON'T BE SUCH A WUSS! BRING OUT YOUR POKEMON!
I BROUGHT YOU ALL THE WAY TO THIS DESERTED PLACE, JUST TO HAVE A BATTLE WITH YOU!!
!!

POP
YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM US.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF TEAM MAGMA.
CLICK

EACH MEMBER KEEPS A LIGHTER INSIDE THE HORNS OF OUR HOODS
EACH LIGHTER BURNS A FLAME CALLED 'MEMORY'.
EVERY TIME YOU MEET UP WITH US, WE RECORD ALL OF YOUR ACTIONS!
THE FLAME REMEMBERS IT ALL AND WE SHARE OUR MEMORIES BY PUTTING THE FLAMES TOGETHER!
WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, LADDIE.
POOF

NOW, THAT'S BETTER !!
YOU'RE FINALLY TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY !!

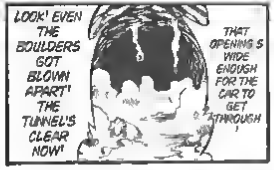
WHERE'S RUBY?!
THE GANG LEADER SWOOPED DOWN ON HIM AND TOOK HIM AWAY!! JUST LIKE AN EAGLE AND ITS PREY!
THAT BOY'S IN GREAT DANGER !!
HEH HEH
WE NEED TO GET PAST THESE GUYS!
R I L E Y !!

THE WHISMUR
I THOUGHT THEY ESCAPED?!
!!

THE WHISMUR COULDN'T STAND THE COMMOTION. SO THEY BROUGHT THEIR EVOLVED COMPANIONS HERE!!
AHH!
RUN!
LOUDRED...
AND EX-PLOUD!!!
GET DOWN!!
COVER YOUR EARS!!

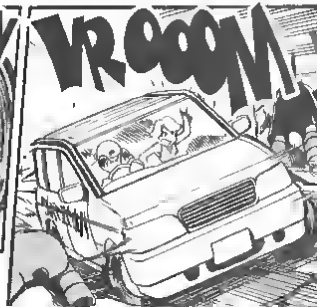
BOOOM

INCREDIBLE!! THE WHOLE GANG WAS SWEPT AWAY BY THE SHEER POWER OF THE POKEMON SOUND WAVES!!
WOW
THAT WAS HYPER VOICE.


LOOK! EVEN THE BOULDERS GOT BLOWN APART! THE TUNNEL'S CLEAR NOW!
THAT OPENING'S WIDE ENOUGH FOR THE CAR TO GET THROUGH!

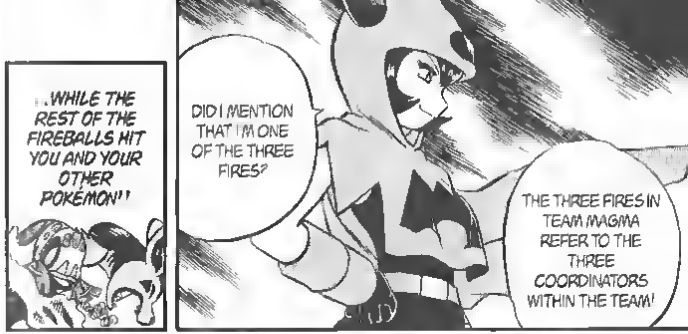
EVERYONE HOP ON!!
LET'S GO SAVE RUBY!!

REW


VROOOM

BA BA BA BA
THUMP THUMP

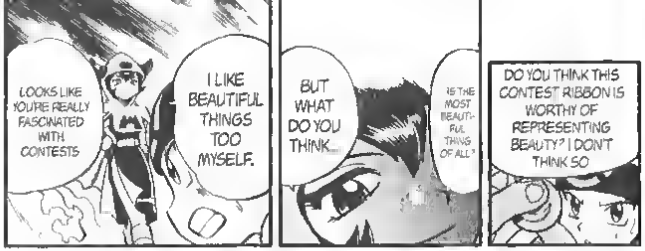
HEH! I SUPPOSE YOU TOOK FOR GRANTED THAT MARSHTOMP WOULD FEND AGAINST MY FIRE ATTACKS.
THAT POKÉMON MIGHT HAVE A NATURAL ADVANTAGE OVER MINE.
...BUT NINETALES HAS NINE TAILS AND CAN SHOOT NINE FIREBALLS ALL AT ONCE!!
MARSHTOMP CAN ONLY BLOCK ONE OR TWO OF THEM.


...WHILE THE REST OF THE FIREBALLS HIT YOU AND YOUR OTHER POKÉMON!!
DID I MENTION THAT I'M ONE OF THE THREE FIRES?
THE THREE FIRES IN TEAM MAGMA REFER TO THE THREE COORDINATORS WITHIN THE TEAM!

EACH OF US USES FIRE DIFFERENTLY
MITCH'S BEST ATTACK INVOLVES USING TORKOAL'S SMOKE TO MAKE ENEMIES SLEEPY
AND THEN THERE'S MACK -
HE USES FIRE ILLUSIONS TO ATTACK THE ENEMIES CONSCIOUSNESS

I, HOWEVER, DETEST SUCH TROUBLESOME ATTACKS!!
MY ATTACKS ARE STRAIGHT-FORWARD

I LIKE TO SET THINGS ON FIRE!!
I BURN...
...EVERYTHING TO SOOT-BLACK CRISPS!!


LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY FASCINATED WITH CONTESTS
I LIKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS TOO MYSELF.
BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK...
IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING OF ALL?
DO YOU THINK THIS CONTEST RIBBON IS WORTHY OF REPRESENTING BEAUTY? I DON'T THINK SO

SAPPHIRE

TORO
COMBUSKEN ♂ Lv31

RONO
ARRON ♂ Lv40

WALO
VALORD ♂ Lv45

DONG
DONPHAN ♂ Lv43

PILO
TROPIUS ♂ Lv42

ROUTE 111
MT. CHIMNEY
BUMPY ROAD

ROUTE 117
VERDANTURF TOWN
RUSTURF TUNNEL

RUBY

ZUZU
MARSHTOMP ♂

NANA

COCO

MIMI

POPO
CASTFORM

RUSTBORO	DEWFORD	MAUVILLE	LAVARIDGE
PETALBURG	FORTREE	MOSSDEEP	SOOTOPOLIS

	COOLNESS	BEAUTY	CUTENESS	INTELLIGENCE	STRENGTH
NORMAL					
SUPER					
HYPER					
MASTER					

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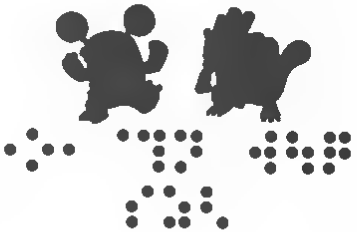

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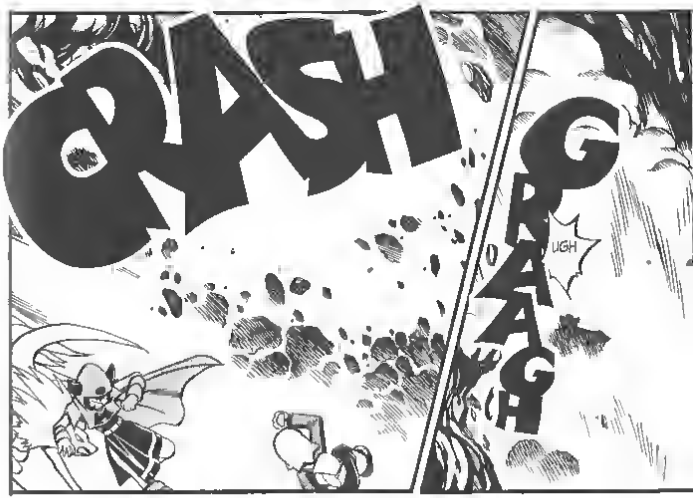
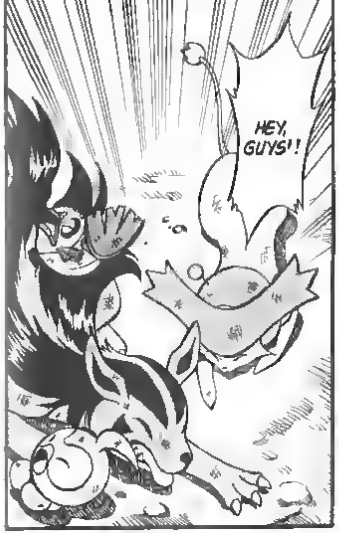
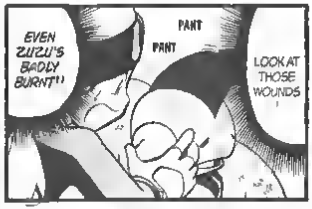


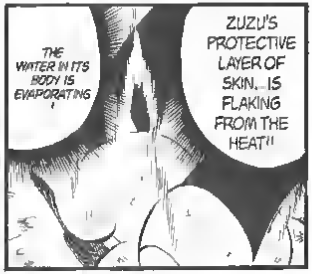
URGH! SOMEONE'S RELEASED HYPER VOICE ON THE OTHER SIDE!
THESE SOUND WAVES ARE TOO POWERFUL!!

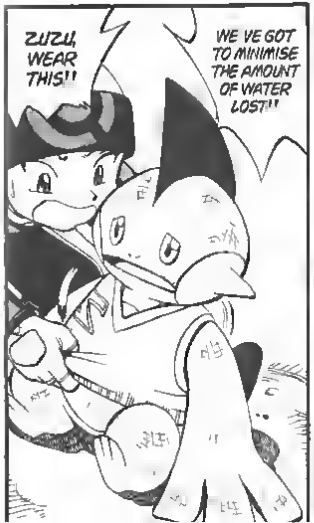
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

WH-WHAT WAS SHE TRYING TO DO, INVITING ME ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WAS SHE TRYING TO THROW ME OFF GUARD?!
AH!! I'VE GOT TO SAVE THEM!!


HEY, GUYS!!


EVEN ZUZU'S BADLY BURNT!!
PANT
PANT
LOOK AT THOSE WOUNDS!


THE WATER IN IT'S BODY IS EVAPORATING!
ZUZU'S PROTECTIVE LAYER OF SKIN... IS FLAKING FROM THE HEAT!!


ZUZU, WEAR THIS!!
WE'VE GOT TO MINIMISE THE AMOUNT OF WATER LOST!!

SHE'S TOO POWERFUL!
I CAN'T DEFEAT HER... YET!!

WELL, WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER ?
GO! GET OUT OF HERE !!
SHOOOM
RUN! ZUZU!
SO YOU WANT TO BE THE HERO WHO SAVES HIS POKÉMON?!
HMPH
FIRE SPIN !!
BLAST

SO THAT'S YOUR ANSWER !!
SACRIFICING YOURSELF FOR YOUR POKÉMON!!
SUCH A SELF-RIGHTEOUS, NAIVE LITTLE PUNK!
YOU'LL NEVER JOIN THE "DARK SIDE", EH?!
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY?!
DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK THIS IS A MANLY DISPLAY OF BRAVERY?!
WELL! WHAT A PITY, 'COS YOUR BRIEF MOMENT OF HEROISM ENDS NOW!
I'LL TURN YOU INTO A MISERABLE PILE OF BLACK SOOT...
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR REJECTING MY OFFER !!
YOU'LL GO OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY! ENJOY!
EXCUSE ME
BLAST
...BUT I THINK YOU'RE HORRIBLY MISTAKEN...

I HATE RIGHTEOUSNESS, MANLINESS AND ALL THAT RUBBISH!
CLICK
AND I WOULDN'T BE SO STUPID AS TO ACTUALLY SACRIFICE MYSELF, WOULD I?
!! WHIP
MY POKÉMON WILL BE SAFE..
..AND I'LL BE SAFE TOO!! WE'LL ALL GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE!!
WHOOSH
YARN ?!
WE'VE BEEN HEARING ECHOES OF HYPER VOICE WITHIN THE TUNNEL.

THAT'S WHY YOU COULDN'T HEAR THAT SOUND!
BUT ZUZU COULD DETECT IT!
THE HOENN TV VEHICLE...
..IS COMING STRAIGHT FOR US!
IMP
PULL
ZIP
SO...
..IT'S GOODBYE FOR NOW!!

SLIDE
WHOOSH
THE FIRE'S GETTING OUT OF CONTROL!
SNIP
DON'T GET TOO CARRIED AWAY
GET BACK HERE!
RUBY!!
TMP
SPIN
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